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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-entitled matter, Applicants hereby attach U.S. Patent Office Form PTOL-1449, including a copy of the references listed therein.

The present application is the U.S. national phase of International Application No. PCT/DE00/03222, which claims priority to German Utility Patent Application No. 299 16 333, filed September 16, 1999. Most of the references cited on the attached Form PTOL-1449 were cited in a report in the German Application No. 299 16 333. A copy of the German Search Report is enclosed.

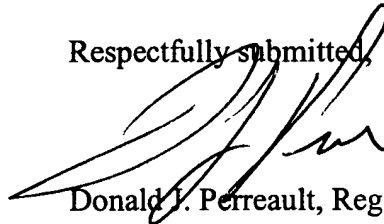
Four of the cited references are not in the English language. By way of a brief English language explanation of the relevance of DE3833846 and DE3039774, Applicants enclose herewith English language abstracts of these references. In regard to DE3522991, Applicants note that the enclosed U.S. Patent No. 4,858,567 claims priority of DE3522991, and provides an English language description of the invention disclosed in DE3522991.

In regard to DE 2035939, Applicants note that this patent discloses an induction pipe for injection engines. In order to change the twist of rotation of the intake air a guiding element (8) is provided and the deflection of the flexible guiding element (16, 19, 13) can be changed in order to provide for the different drill of the intake air.

This information disclosure statement is being made pursuant to the duty of disclosure imposed by law and formulated in 37 CFR 1.56(a). No representation is made that the information thus disclosed in fact constitute prior art or that it is the closest prior art, inasmuch as 37 CFR 1.56(a) relies on a materiality concept which depends on subjectivity.

We believe that there are no fees associated with this information disclosure statement.

Respectfully submitted,



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